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I have been a prosecutor and a defense attorney. I've worked in criminal law for more than 20 years. There is no valid reason not to record witness interviews. If the goal is to obtain the truth, then the interview should be recorded. Police do not want to be pinned down to their statements, period. Recording an interview is less daunting than a deposition in a civil case, and the rules don't allow for depositions in criminal cases except in rare instances. I've always wondered why, since a person's good name, reputation, and freedom are at stake in a criminal case, versus money or property in a civil case. Criminal cases should not be games where witnesses attempt to hide the truth or shade it or change their stories. We need this rule for the sake of truth.

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